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The accomplishments of those honored with the Presidential Ranks of Distinguished Executive and Distinguished Senior Professional in 2008 include:

- Participating in trade negotiations with Japan, Canada, and Mexico; his work reopened foreign markets to over 40 commodities and restored millions of dollars in U.S. cattle and beef trade
- Eliminating the backlog of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder claims requiring research, cutting a backlog of fifty seven hundred claims to 150 and 8 months to process a claim to 2 weeks
- Directing an operation to identify criminals involved in computer hacking and the dissemination and sale of stolen credit card and bank account information. Numerous, near simultaneous arrests were effected worldwide, preventing a potential fraud loss in the billions
- Playing a leading role in the international scientific effort to decipher the cause of the Antarctic ozone hole. Her now-famous explanation of the cause earned her a spot in the Smithsonian Institution's displays and an Antarctic glacier named in her honor
- Leading transition from a paper, labor-intensive Social Security disability claims process to an electronic state-of-the-art operation that includes the largest electronic repository in the world, reducing initial processing time from 90 days to 10
- Accomplishing a historic and unprecedented structuring of an agency, hiring almost 60,000 employees, staffing 429 U.S. airport security installations, and introducing critical new technology
- Directing the legal team and strategy for the largest class action ever brought against the government, involving millions of individual transactions dating as far back as 1938; he achieved eight reversals of adverse district court decisions, one of which saved the government over \$10 billion
- Being one of the few public executives who has planned, implemented, and closed a Federal agency, the Bureau of Mines

- Leading the effort to achieve a stockpile of pre-pandemic vaccine and fund R and D of leading edge technologies that promise to result in a national supply of pandemic vaccine within a year
- Progressing from a GS-3 clerk typist to overseeing a workforce of 80,000 military and civilian personnel and a \$ 48 billion annual budget
- Developing a new business model for a national compliance and enforcement program which now eliminates 1 to 2 billion pounds of pollution from the air, water, and land
- Creating a program to provide real time legal oversight for the facilitation, coordination and execution of Coast Guard missions, increasing by 94% the amount of cocaine seized annually
- Leading the development of key technologies needed for human exploration of the universe, including methods to prevent muscle loss and advancements in cell function and wound repair
- Leading staff of his and nearby offices to safety after suffering a concussion and a complete loss of hearing in one ear during the 9-11 attack on the Pentagon. He then ensured the continued provision of essential legal services by returning to the Pentagon the next day and setting up temporary offices
- Decreasing waiting times by more than 50% and increasing performance and patient satisfaction scores by 56% in his first nine months as a VA Hospital Director
- Overseeing prosecutions in the Dynamic Random Access Memory investigation, which has resulted in over 7 hundred million dollars in fines and guilty pleas, including major fines on four of the world's largest manufacturers and a dozen foreign executives serving jail sentences in the U.S.
- Leading the first U.S. launch and 11 assembly missions to the International Space Station, which combined the efforts of 5 space agencies and 15 nations to build a permanent outpost in Space; he is an ambassador of over 100 Shuttle developed spinoffs which include light technology to treat brain tumors
- Introducing strategic programming which formed the basis of an initiative which has reached over 25 million people in 2 years and showed evidence of major reductions in malaria transmission

- **Leading development and implementation of a program to do what has never been done before by any country: 100% scanning of all maritime cargo containers leaving a foreign port bound for the U.S.**
- **Helping negotiate an agreement which commits Russia to dispose of 34 metric tons of plutonium, and overseeing the construction of three nuclear facilities required for its disposition; this represents the largest nuclear non-proliferation program in U.S. history**
- **Demonstrating leadership and creativity which resulted in a rule requiring Electronic Stability Control on all new cars and light trucks sold in the U.S.; when fully implemented, it will save nearly 10,000 lives a year in the U.S. and may be the most important safety technology since the seat belt**
- **Sharing the 2006 Nobel Prize in Physics for his discovery of the blackbody form and anisotropy of the cosmic microwave background radiation, a discovery that ended over 50 years of acrimonious debate over the history of the universe and that Stephen Hawking called the “greatest discovery of the century, if not of all time”**